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Novel, Omaha Woman Arrests Sought by DA

District Attorney Jim Garrison's staff today sought the arrest of a man and a woman who have refused to cooperate with Garrison in his Kennedy assassination probe.

The DA's office issued a warrant yesterday for the arrest of Lilly Mae McMaines, 22, of Omaha, Neb., as a material witness and Garrison asked the U.S. attorney's office here to issue an unlawful flight order against Gordon Novel, 29, former French Quarter nightclub owner.

IF U.S. Attorney Louis Lacour honors Garrison's request, the FBI would be brought into the search for Novel, who left the city last week before he was to have appeared before the Orleans Parish Grand Jury.

Criminal District Court Judge Edward A. Haggerty Jr. signed the warrant for the arrest of Mrs. McMaines and set the bond at $5,000.

The woman, who was known as Sandra Moffett when she lived in New Orleans, has told newsmen she did not attend a party in mid-September, 1963, at the apartment of David W. Ferrie.

Garrison's star witness, Perry Raymond Russo, has testified that he took Sandra Moffett to such a party and that at this party he heard Ferrie, Clem Bertrand and Leon Oswald plotting to murder President John F. Kennedy.

Russo has identified Clem Bertrand as Clay L. Shaw, former managing director of the International Trade Mart, and Leon Oswald as Lee Harvey Oswald, the man the Warren Commission named as Kennedy's assassin.

FERRIE DIED Feb. 22 of a brain hemorrhage and Shaw has been indicted by the grand jury on a charge of conspiring to murder Kennedy.

Mrs. McMaines, married to part-time Omaha minister Harold McMaines, 48, told newsmen last week she did not attend the party but said that she had known Russo. She said she did not meet Ferrie until 1965.

Assistant district attorney Andrew Sciambra said yesterday, "We feel sure she is a very important witness. F. Irvin Dymond, one of Shaw's defense attorneys, also expressed an interest in questioning Mrs. McMaines. "My opinion now is that she will be a very useful witness," said Dymond.

There was no immediate reaction from Lacour's office about the Novel request and an FBI spokesman declined to comment about Novel.

SOME FEDERAL authorities are known to look upon Garrison's investigation with a cold eye. The Warren Commission, named by President Lyndon B. Johnson to investigate the assassination, concluded that Lee Oswald was the assassin and he acted alone.

Novel, in an interview with the States-Item yesterday, said that he had taken a lie detector test in the presence of attorneys and he challenged Garrison to take a similar test.

Novel called the probe an enormous fraud and said that he plans to sue Garrison and members of the Truth and Consequences, Inc., committee formed to finance Garrison's investigation.

Steven Plotkin, Novel's attorney, appeared before Judge Haggerty and asked that the material witness charge be transferred to Haggerty's court from the court of Judge Rudolph Becker Jr. Haggerty agreed and Judge Becker approved.

When the warrant for Novel's arrest was issued, bond was set at $50,000.

PLOTKIN goes before Judge Haggerty tomorrow with a request that the warrant be thrown out. As an alternative, Plotkin wants Haggerty to reduce Novel's $50,000 bond "to a reasonable amount." Novel will return to New Orleans, Plotkin says, when he is assured he will not be jailed.

Novel talked to the States-Item but would not reveal his whereabouts except that he is in "international jurisdiction."

In Omaha, authorities declined to comment on Mrs. McMaines' case until they receive Garrison's warrant.

Judge Haggerty, meantime, said that he wants to prevent the flow of "prejudicial pretrial publicity" and ordered the prosecution and defense not to make public statements about the case or to discuss the evidence with newsmen. He said that news coverage of Shaw's arraignment will be handled like the preliminary hearing for Shaw. For the hearing, newsmen were required to have special credentials and all cameras and recording devices were barred.

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